

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 7, 11-15, and 17-20 were subject to the Requirement for Restriction. Claims 5, 6, 8-10, and 16 are withdrawn.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has indicated that restriction is required to one of the following species of target sequences in a cassette construct:

- (a) target sequence bound to the adaptor sequence;
- (b) target sequence bound to the inverted sequence of the adaptor sequence; and
- (c) target sequence bound to both the adaptor sequence and the inverted sequence of the adaptor sequence.

In addition, the Examiner has indicated that restriction is required to one of the following pretreatments:

- (i) phosphorylation of the 5' end of either or both ends of a cassette construct;
- (ii) addition of (dT) to the 3' end of either or both ends of a cassette construct;
- (iii) addition of topoisomerase I and phosphorylation of a single 3' end of a cassette construct; and
- (iv) addition of (dT) and topoisomerase I to a single 3' end and phosphorylation of such 3' end of a cassette construct.

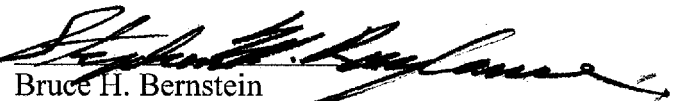
Election without Traverse

In order to be responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect Species (a) set forth as "target sequence bound to the adaptor sequence." Applicants submit that at least Claims 1-3, 7, 11-13, and 17-20 read on the elected species.

In order to be responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants also elect Species (i) set forth as "phosphorylation of the 5' end of either or both ends of a cassette construct." Applicants submit that at least Claims 1-3, 7, 11-15, and 17-20 read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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